(b) whether Government have issued any directives to this Board for recommending the dealership for petrol pumps;

(c) whether the recommendations of the Board are obligatory;

(d) the total number of recommendations made by the Board for dealership of petrol pumps in Uttar Pradesa till date; and

(e) the number of such recommendations accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (e) Oil Selection Boards have been constituted by the Government for selection of dealers/distributors of petroleum products on the basis of the interviews of the eligible candidates, who apply in response to the advertisements of the oil marketing companies. Recommendations of the Oil Selection Boards, which are normally obligatory are not referred to Government for consideration. These are sent by them to the concerned oil companies for issue of Letters of Intent.

Composition of the Oil Selection Board for Uttar Pradesh is as under:—

(i) Justice Shri S. H. Abidi (Retd.) —Chairman

(ii) Vacant (S.C./S.T./Weaker Section Member) —Member

(iii) Shri J. N. Tiwari —Member

Based on the recommendations of the Oil Selection Board (U.P.), oil companies have issued 153 Letters of Intent for petrol/diesel retail outlets.

Marketing of adultrated LPG in Delhi

165. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of marketing of LPG cylinders filled with water in some areas of Delhi like Vikaspuri, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to check the marketing of such cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Performance of Oil Refineries

166. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state.

(a) the performance of Oil refineries during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to privatise some oil refineries;

(c) whether Government have allowed private sector to set up oil refineries; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The performance of refineries during the last three years with respect to capacity utilisation was as under:—

Year	Percentage capacity utilisation
1991-92 . . .	99.2
1992-93 . . .	103.1
1993-94 . . .	102.0

(b) to (d) Government has welcomed proposals for private investment, in oil sector including refining. In pursuance of this objective, inter alia, (i) the proposals of 9 parties for setting up of refineries in private sector have been cleared by the Government and (ii) Government have also disinvested partly the equity